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# HOUSE BILL No. 1173

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 22-13-6.

**Synopsis:** Photoluminescent exit signs and markings. Requires the fire prevention and building safety commission to adopt rules to allow: (1) photoluminescent exit signs to be installed in new and existing Class 1 structures as the only method of exit signage in the structure; and (2) a floor proximity egress path marking system to be installed as an optional and supplemental safety measure.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 9, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and industrial safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 22-13-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2       A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON  
3       PASSAGE]:

4       **Chapter 6. Photoluminescent Exit Signs and Floor Proximity**  
5       **Egress Path Marking Systems**

6       **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the fire  
7       prevention and building safety commission established by  
8       IC 22-12-2-1.

9       **Sec. 2. (a)** As used in this chapter, "exit sign" means a  
10      photoluminescent sign that indicates the path of exit travel within  
11      the means of the egress system.

12      **(b)** The term does not include a floor proximity egress path  
13      marking system.

14      **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "floor proximity egress path  
15      marking system" means a system of photoluminescent markings  
16      installed at or near floor level that enhance the visibility of egress  
17      pathways.



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1       Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "photoluminescent" refers to a  
2 nonradioactive coating that:

- 3           (1) is charged when it absorbs light;  
4           (2) emits light as the result of the absorption; and  
5           (3) continues to emit light for a length of time after the coating  
6 is charged.

7       Sec. 5. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
8 allow photoluminescent exit signs to be installed in a new or an  
9 existing Class 1 structure as the only method of exit signage in the  
10 structure if:

- 11           (1) the exit sign, including the placement and installation of  
12 the exit sign; and  
13           (2) the external illumination that charges the exit sign;  
14 meet the standards adopted by the commission.

15       Sec. 6. In adopting rules concerning exit signs under this  
16 chapter, the commission shall consider the following:

- 17           (1) The minimum luminance level of an exit sign.  
18           (2) The level of external charging illumination required to  
19 sufficiently charge an exit sign.  
20           (3) The type of charging light source.  
21           (4) The luminance level of the exit sign after:  
22                (A) the sign is charged; and  
23                (B) the external charging illumination is turned off.  
24           (5) Any other criteria or standard the commission considers  
25 necessary.

26       Sec. 7. (a) The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
27 allow a floor proximity egress path marking system to be installed  
28 in a Class 1 structure as a safety measure that is optional and  
29 supplemental to exit signs installed in the structure.

30           (b) In adopting rules, the commission shall consider the  
31 minimum luminance level of a floor proximity egress path marking  
32 system. The commission may consider any other criteria or  
33 standard the commission considers necessary.

34       SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this  
35 SECTION, "commission" refers to the fire prevention and building  
36 safety commission established by IC 22-12-2-1.

37           (b) The commission shall adopt rules to implement IC 22-13-6,  
38 as added by this act, before July 1, 2003.

39           (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2004.

40       SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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